GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3079
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2001
STOCK IN FCI GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether excess stock position has been reported in the godowns of the FCI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding the capacity of godowns of FCI, Statewise, alongwith the quantityof foodgrains stored therein till date alongwith their period of storage during the last one year;

(d) the quantity of foodgrains, which has rotten in the godowns during the last one year, State-wise;

(e) the details of the remedial steps initiated to stop rotting of foodgrains in the godowns; and

(f) the amount spent on the maintenance and development of the godowns during the last one year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The information is given in Annexure-I.

(d): Foodgrains are sometimes damaged due to long periods of storage, natural calamities like floods and unprecedented heavy rains with high velocity winds. The total quantity of foodgrains so damaged during the last one year was about 0.70 lakh MTs.

(e): The following measures are taken to prevent rotting/damage to foodgrains:-

(i) Food Corporation of India stores foodgrains in godowns built on scientific lines, which are rodent and damp proof.

(ii) Qualified and technically trained staff are deployed for periodical inspection and proper upkeep of foodgrains.

(iii) Foodgrains are stored on scientific lines and pest control measures are undertaken regularly.

(iv) Arrangements are made to keep sufficient quantity of chemicals at each depot/storage point for prophylactic and curative treatments.

(v) Movement of foodgrains from one place to another is done in covered wagons as far as possible. However, whenever stocks are moved in open wagons, the same are covered properly with tarpaulin etc. to avoid damage in transit.

(vi) Sometimes, on account of acute paucity of covered storage accommodation as also movement constraints, the Food Corporation of India is compelled to store wheat and paddy in the open under scientifically designed system for temporary storage called CAP (Covered and Plinth). Following steps are taken to protect the foodgrains stored in CAP:-

(a) Stocks are stored on wooden crates and covered with specifically fabricated low density black polythene covers which are water proof so as to protect the foodgrains from rains.

(b) Nylon ropes are provided for proper lashing off the polythene covers to prevent damage by ballooning of covers during high velocity winds etc.

(c) Polythene covers, monofilament nets, cover taps etc are procured in advance so that the stocks kept in CAP are protected from

the vagaries of weather.

(f): The amount spent on maintenance and development of the godowns during the year 2000-2001 is Rs.22.95 Crores. State-wise details are as given in Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PARTS (b)&(c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3079 DUE FOR ANSWI 10TH AUGUST,2001 IN LOK SABHA

STATEMENT SHOWING STATEWISE TOTAL STORAGE CAPACITY (COVERED & CAP), STOCKS HELD AS ON 01.07.2001 AND STOCKS UNDER STORAGE FOR LAST ONE YEAR

(FIGURE IN LAKH TONNES)

NAME OF THE STATE	CAPACITY COVERED & CAP	STOCKS AS ON 01.07.2001	STOCKS UNDER STORAGE FOR LAST ONE YEAR
Bihar	5.26	4.72	3.24
Jharkhand	1.09	0.90	0.83
Orissa	6.21	5.42	4.90
West Bengal/ Sikkim	10.65	7.39	4.69
Assam/Arunchal Pradesh	3.16	2.19	1.84
North Eastern States	1.19	0.66	0.54
Delhi	3.74	3.55	0.62
Haryana	24.86	24.37	18.65
Himachal Pradesh	0.25	0.16	0.15
Jammu & Kashmir	1.18	0.67	0.52
Punjab/Chandigarh	123.63	116.86	85.59
Rajasthan	18.78	16.50	6.01
Uttar Pradesh	36.57	35.74	17.64
Uttranchal	2.93	4.61	
Andhra Pradesh	34.92	38.95	36.52
Kderala	5.83	6.76	3.82
Karnataka	10.02	10.26	6.09
Tamil Nadu/ Pondicherry	11.76	11.70	7.69
Gujarat	9.98	6.66	2.10
Maharashtra/Goa	20.02	17.32	3.19
Madhya Pradesh	9.95	8.19	2.90
Chattisgarh	8.57	8.10	3.64
Total	350.55	331.68	+3.43(+) 335.11 211.17

(+) 3.43 stock in transit.

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PART (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3079 FOR ANSWERON 10TH AUGUST, 2001 IN LOK SABHA.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE AMOUNT SPENT ON THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF GODOWNS DURING 2000-2001.

ZONE STATE	AMOUNT SPENT DURING 2000-2001 (RS. IN LAKHS)
North Punjab	155.74
Haryana	77.65
U.P.	194.04
Rajasthan	46.25
Jammu & Kashmir	37.98
Delhi	36.80
Himachal Pradesh	0.21
Total	548.67

Conversion of Weighbridges 53.83

South Tamil Nadu 84.93
Andhra Pradesh 242.91
Karnataka 67.76
Kerala 129.21
Total 524.81

Conversion of Weighbridges 26.75

West Maharashtra 230.26
Gujarat 104.39
Madhya Pradesh 158.53
493.18
East West Bengal 218.29
Bihar 145.75
Orissa 101.60
465.64

North-East Assam 146.60
Shillong 35.70
182.30

Total Rs.22.95 crores